

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/087,190

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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND CORRESPONDING
PROTEIN ENTITLED 121PIF1 USEFUL IN
TREATMENT AND DETECTION OF
CANCER

Confirmation No.: 7796

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Examiner: D. Blanchard

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the final Office Action dated July 20, 2007. A Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith, extending the deadline for response to November 20, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.